


REMARKS

The present remarks are in response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2005 and an Advisory Action dated January 23, 2006. Claims 4-10 and 14-21 are now pending in this case. Claims 4, 8, 14, 15, and 19 are amended. Claims 1-3, 11-13, and 22-32 are canceled without prejudice to the filing of a subsequent application.

In the Office Action dated September 6, 2005, claims 4-10 and 14-21 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 4 and 8 have been amended to incorporate claim 1, from which those claims previously depended. Similarly, claims 14, 15, and 19 have been amended to incorporate claim 12, from which those claims previously depended. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 4-10 and 14-21 are now in condition for allowance. All other claims have been canceled.

In view of the above remarks, reconsideration of the subject application and its allowance are kindly requested. The applicants have made a good faith effort to place all claims in condition for allowance. If questions remain regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 628-7640.

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